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There is some fighting in Quang Duc Province, but action countrywide is at one of the lowest levels since the start of the cease-fire. A government operation to retake two border outposts in Quang Duc Province is going poorly, but South Vietnamese press spokesmen report that the operation is continuing.

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Government forces made some progress on Route 4 front when they captured an outpost sixteen miles southwest of Kompong Speu city. Other government units nearby continue to meet Communist resistance. Along Route 5, the Cambodian Army's 7th Division is still trying to clear a section of the highway 15 miles northwest of Phnom Penh. A recent high level rallier has indicated that the Communists plan to launch a major offensive in this area to defeat the division, thereby opening the way to attacks on the capital. Although Communist commanders hope to be able to carry out such attacks this month, the rallier stated that the offensive could be delayed until March if troop reinforcements and munitions do not arrive in time.

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According to a late report from Phnom Penh, ~~xx~~ six rounds of 105 artillery were fired on the capital during the night. This is the first report of 105 mm artillery being fired on Phnom Penh during the current Khmer Communist offensive.

Late press reports claim that the Communists fired seven 122mm rockets at the center of the capital early today, reportedly striking a refugee center and a military hospital.

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